

REMARKS

In the Decision dated April 30, 2009, the BPAI affirmed the rejections of claims 1-3 and 5-14.

The Examiner had already indicated that the subject matter of claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and the indicated allowability of claim 4 was not modified in the decision of the BPAI.

Accordingly, the present Amendment rewrites claim 4 in independent form, by embodying the subject matter of claim 4, and claim 2, in independent claim 1. Other minor editorial amendments have been made to conform the claim language to recent guidelines concerning functional language, which guidelines did not exist at the time the original claims were written and examined.

Claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled in view of the inclusion of the subject matter thereof in independent claim 1.

The dependency of claim 3 has been amended to reflect the embodiment of the subject matter of claim 2 in independent claim 1.

All claims of the application are therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The present Amendment does not raise any new issues requiring further searching or consideration, and is therefore properly enterable at this stage of prosecution. Entry of the present Amendment and allowance of the application are therefore respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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